

*The Way We Could Be*  
Using Abundance with Thoughtfulness  
James 5:1-6 (Page 1201)

Question: Why Should We Not Envy or Emulate the Self-Centered Rich?

I. Hoarding - that Testifies before the Lord (vs. 2-3)

II. Extravagance Towards Self - which Readies for Judgment (vs. 5)

III. Injustice Toward Others - which is Seen by the Lord (vs. 4 & 6)

*It makes no sense to envy or emulate those headed for judgment!*

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**Points to Ponder:** Read and ponder Philippians 4:11-12. Then pray that our Lord might grant us (you, me, the people of this fellowship) the contentment described by the Apostle Paul. Pray as well that this contentment might change the way we view our own wealth and the wealth of others. Only contented people can grow in generosity.

**A Note to Parents:** Please know that the children who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

**Next Week:** Next week we will continue our sermon series entitled: *The Way We Could Be* by looking at **James 5:7-12** *Enduring Suffering with Patience*.

